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Career & Technical Education Points of Interest in Texas

- > Students enrolled in CTE programs gain a better understanding of why they are taking academic courses so they can better apply that learning to the world of work.
- ➤ In order to be truly career ready students need a strong foundation of academic, technical and employability skills, such as critical thinking, teamwork and interpersonal skills.
- ➤ In November 2011 CBS News reported that there are 4.6 unemployed workers competing for every job that's available.
- San Antonio Express-News reports that a variety of industries are having difficulty finding people who can work in advanced technical roles, such as software development, as well as lower-level positions that require more skills & responsibilities than in the past.
- Senior economist, Keith Phillips at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in San Antonio, has stated that the economy is shifting toward a higher-skilled labor force and the need for technologically adept employees is rising faster than it can be met.
- Over the past 10 years enrollment in Texas public schools has increased by 21.2%. CTE enrollment increased by 39.5%.
- > In 2009-10 77% of all high school students were enrolled in CTE courses.
- > Fall 2011 enrollment in CTE increased 10%.
- ➤ The 2008-09 graduation rate for CTE students was 94% compared to 79% graduation rate for all students. The majority of CTE graduates were on the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement graduation plans.
- ➤ In 2008-09 CTE concentrators averaged 98% on the TAKS Reading/LA and 95% on the TAKS Math compared to all students averaging 92% and 91% respectively.
- ➤ The number of students graduating from TX high schools who received industry certifications or licensures increased annually to a total of approx. 25,000 students.

Career & Technical Education State Funding History

Year	CTE Weight	CTE Indirect Costs
Early 1980s	1.45	?
1991	1.37	85% - 15%
2003	1.35	90% - 10%
2009	1.35 +	60% – 40%
	\$50/FTE for advanced CTE courses	
2011	1.35	58% - 42%
	+ \$50/FTE for advanced CTE courses	

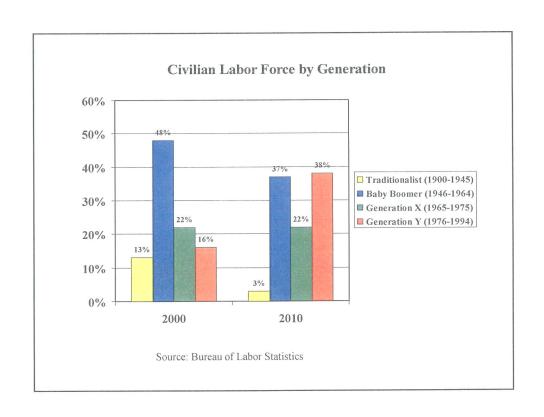
CTE courses/programs are more expensive to teach because they require specialized state-of-the-art equipment if training is to be relevant. CTE courses require:

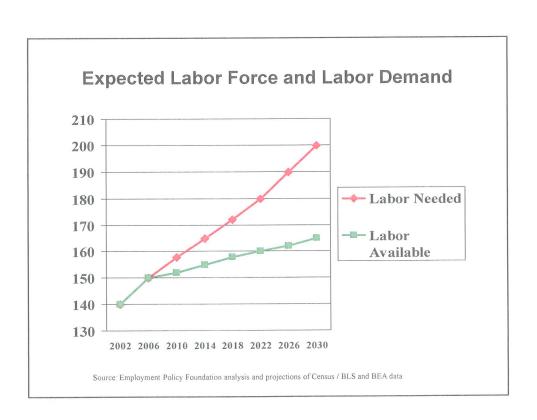
- 1. a safe environment
- 2. special classroom & lab equipment as well as necessary tools
- 3. consumable supplies for specialized student training
- 4. additional transportation to training areas
- 5. specialized teacher training through professional development and business & industry certifications
- 6. current state-of-the-art instructional materials, methods & resource

Ultimately, the goal is to increase student success.

 $Formula\ for\ CTE\ state\ weighted\ funding:\ \underline{http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147487143}$

2010-2011 Carl D. Perkins Reallocations: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147496917





The 16 Career Clusters

One of the keys to improving student achievement is providing students with relevant contexts for studying and learning. Career Clusters[™] do exactly this by linking school-based learning with the knowledge and skills required for success in the workplace. The National Career Clusters[™] Framework is comprised of 16 Career Clusters[™] and related Career Pathways to help students of all ages explore different career options and better prepare for college and career.

Each Career Cluster represents a distinct grouping of occupations and industries based on the knowledge and skills they require. The 16 Career Clusters and related Career Pathways provide an important organizing tool for schools to develop more effective programs of study (POS) and curriculum.

